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Mother Dear:

July 19 1912

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one which she had with her when she left America for Korea
 in 1909 - when I was here and she & the children came back
 I found in the hand bag a Will dated San Rafael
 Sept 6 1909.

I am pretty sure this has been superseded by a Will
 which she wrote and left with you while we were home
 this last time, but of course I must keep this one
 until I hear from you that you have the other one of
 later date than this - Sept. 6 1909

I think however I should send you a copy of this so
 that you will know what it is - if by any possibility you
 do not find one there and then if you want this sent on
 I can send it by registered mail after hearing from you.
 However as this is not witnessed by any one although
 altogether in Alice's writing - I do not know just how it
 would be regarded in Court even though there is no other.
 At any rate I will copy it for you and you will know then
 just what it is and whether anything should be done with it.
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itch hazel the swelling has gone down and he is all right.
 Both of them have been over this morning to play with the Blair
 children and little George Adams comes here every day for play.
 I am giving a good deal of time to them and shall always
 expect to - even though I must therefore give less time to
 my mission work.

I'm looking over Alice's bureau drawers for papers &c I noticed
 the Amber beads and the beautiful silk shawl - one her Grand-
 mother's & think and the other - from her Aunt Emily Fish.
 There are perhaps other things also you will want to tell
 me what to do with it - whether to keep them for the boys
 in the future or to send them to some one who would prize
 them and whom you would like to have them.
 Can you get me some copies of the last photograph Alice had
 taken - the one in her white dress - mounted oval shape
 on cardboard about 7x10 inches - taken by Bushell
 Fotografer - San Francisco
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It is very good. I have but one of them. I should like to
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Affectionate glom to Fatherly and to you

Your affectionate Son
Samuel A. Moffett.

My dear mother, I have been thinking of you very much lately. I have not had time to write you as much as I would like to. I am very busy here at the station. I will try to write you more often. I love you very much and hope you are all well. I will be home in a few days. I will be home on Friday evening. I will be home on Friday evening. I will be home on Friday evening.

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July 24 1912

Dear Mother:

I have wanted to send you some of the many beautiful letters I have been receiving from many friends but plans for the home - for the children and the urgent pressure of the mission work many things of which I cannot avoid attending to have kept me so busy that I have not yet re-read them.

Then as you know we are in the midst of this most grave affair - the prosecution of one Christian man on the charge of conspiracy of assassination - in which the Police have been trying to injure the reputation of the missionaries - so that however greatly I have been distracted and burdened by the great sorrow in our home I have had to give time to consideration of these grave issues.

The men who are looking after affairs all think it necessary for me to go to Japan for a few days in connection with the affair and much as they regret to ask me to do so at this time - it seems to be my duty to go in the hope of accomplishing something for these persecuted innocent men and for the whole mission cause and so greatly to my regret I find I must go for about 10 days.

The children will be well cared for by the other Holdcrops and will have Won Si and the nurse to look after them also and long before this reaches you I will be back with them again.

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They are well and happy and we talk together just as happily and naturally about Mother and little baby sister and the boys always think of Mother as happy and as knowing of and being interested in all that we are doing. There is no sadness in it to them - only the great lack which they do not realize and which they feel but do not recognize. What a comfort and stay they are to me and to the whole household - all of whom are keeping up for the sake of the children and doing all they can for them.

Dear Mother I hope you will keep up your letters to your three boys just as you did all the years to Alice. Let me fill just as much of a place as it is possible for me to fill and try to give to you in your sorrow something for the great happiness you gave me in Alice.

Your letters have been coming right along and the boys and I are enjoying them all we can. Your various packages - arrived by Parcel Post and the newspapers also - Jamie was delighted with his suspenders and was eager for Sunday to come that he might wear them with his nice new blue suit.

How he did enjoy them last Sunday! The beautiful afghan + little baby hood came safely with the music book. The book I will keep for Jamie but I think Mrs. Murray would probably like to have the others for the little one they are expecting in a few months. The newspapers several of the men have enjoyed as they brought the

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Just detailed news of the nominations.

I am enclosing a Certificate from the Council General which you may wish to present in connection with the Probation of this Will. The Council General says I should send it to you

Your last letter of last part of June tells of your own sickness. How I do trust and pray that you were better and stronger when the news in my cablegram to Dr. Landon reached you and oh - how I do hope and trust that God has given you strength and grace and comfort. May He be gracious to us all and make His dealings with us to work in and through His own loving purposes. Kisses from the boys to Grandpa & Grandma and a heart full of love to you both from your loving son Samuel Moffett.

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Aug. 13 '12

Mother Dear:

Your letter after receiving the cablegram
 has just arrived and oh - there are so many many things
 I want to talk with you about - if only it were right for
 me to be here now. The letters of sympathy and love and
 of beautiful appreciation of Alice have been pouring in to me
 from all quarters, and I realize anew how greatly loved she
 was by all who knew her. It was a wonderful treasure
 she had you to me through these years and none knew as
 well or realized so well from day to day as I did the rare worth
 and beauty of her life. It is sweet and comforting to get these
 letters even though they make the tears flow and the heart
 ache with a fresh sense of its loss. So many are praying for
 us that I know the Lord is giving us grace for this great
 need and that He will sustain us - but oh - how the
 struggle to maintain the right spirit and the determination to go
 right on in His work, comes day by day with the constant realization
 of the fact that the inspiring helpful loving presence is gone.
 My letter from Japan will have reached you and now you will
 be glad to know that I am back with the children and that
 they are well and happy. Mr. & Mrs. Holdcroft cared for them well
 while I was gone - and now it was all devoted to them.
 They were as glad as I was to have me back and I am

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rushed into my arms as I got off the train - while Charles's little
 shrill voice could be heard far off as he stood on the porch
 with Mrs. Si waiting for me and waving and shouting as we saw me
 coming.

We had been planning for months for our trip up the river on
 the houseboat and when Alice was taken sick we had turned the
 boat over to Miss Best & Miss Butts who had gone out for two weeks -
 more the last of July & fresh of August returning just before I got back
 from Han. The boys were still eager to go and knowing how
 eagerly they had looked forward to it all summer I decided we
 would go at once so reaching home Friday last we started
 at Saturday afternoon - the 10th and here we are on the
 boat up at a beautiful sand bank not more than 2.75 miles
 above the city. Here the boys are enjoying the sand - the water,
 the birds, the fish, the shells the crabs the muscels and all
 that goes with a summer on a houseboat. I am always with
 them to enjoy the water as I try to take them in for
 a swim twice a day - a few minutes each morning and evening.
 Last year Daniel learned to swim a little and this year goes with
 it with greatest interest and assurance. I am always with
 them and they are always between me and the shore and as
 I get only in shallow water except when I take them out to
 deeper places and with my hand under them teach them to swim
 a float. Charles is taking to it nicely and is as enthusiastic as
 can be - laughing and shouting in great glee.
 These dear little fellows and I purpose to give them a good
 deal of time even though this must mean less mission work than

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I have been doing. We here on the boat I can give them
about all the time and we are having good times together
as I read to them each day - tell them stories, walk with them
on the sand - swim with them and watch them at their
play. This is an ideal play time for them and close as
I can to my boys before we are growing closer and closer
together and I shall be able to mould their lives more
and more. For this I must do now as Alice would
have done. She has left an indelible impression on their
lives and we long to talk of her and though I
want to deepen those impressions. I must keep my
for the present at least I feel that I must keep my
boys with me - and as Mr. & Mrs. Holdcroft have offered to
live with us and as all the circumstances of our life here
are such as to place the boys under helpful surroundings
and influences that seems best at least until I see
the way clear to some other plan which may be better for
them. Mr. & Mrs. Holdcroft have no children although they love
them and I am sure that with the care and attention
I can give them and the splendid little school we have here
the children of the station will be their playmates
I can watch over their development just now in a way which
will be in their good.
- How ready you would like to have them and I know
you would give them. My sister
is not wealthy of money and care you would give them. My sister
says she would love to mother the boys for me, but
I cannot feel that they ought now to be separated from their father.

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It is not as though I were away from home a great deal
or were gone the greater part of each day. I shall be at home
most of the time and most of each day and as they had already
been so closely interwoven in all their interests and thoughts with
my life, they will find that I can do much for them.
It however as the time passes I have reason to think that this
plan is not best for them I can plan otherwise as may seem
best. I do not know just when I can plan for a trip home
with the boys to see you and to talk over all things but I
rather think I can plan for that next summer.
I returned from Japan last Friday to find awaiting me a
Cablegram from Brother Howard, telling me that Mother Moffett
had passed away on the 24th July - just 12 days after Alice.
The message came just a few days after I had left on what
seemed a necessary trip to Japan in behalf of our poor Christian
Koreans who had been undergoing such cruel tortures.
Mr. Holdcroft wisely thought it best not to forward it to me - so
I learned only after I had been home a few hours.
With Alice away I was in a measure prepared for and she
had a very happy peaceful life - a great blessing indeed in a
most happy home. She would have been 87 years old next month
and I had no thought that I should have another visit with
her. How wonderful I am for the visit home two years ago.
Mother was a beautiful life and closed in peace with the
winning care of her children. How I should like to have been with
her the last days but it was not to be. That - the separation
of loved ones - the inability to share more closely their lives - is the

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great sacrifice of our service on the mission field - but as for so often wrote Alice - through correspondence and prayer we can enter very fully into each other's joys and sorrows. I want now mother dear to do all I can - all that Alice would have done so far as that is possible to me - to have you share the joys, the sorrows, and the dearthment of our dear boys and I want to be just as close and loving a son sharing in all your experiences and thoughts as Alice did and so mother I hope you will keep up your letters to us, that we may live together and share all our joys and sorrows, all our plans great or small. We cannot do for each other what Alice has and would do, but her great sacred love in our lives will bind us closer and closer together.

I am so glad to know that Brother Tom was in California and could be with you for a little while and glad too that Aunt Tillie Mrs. Algren could be with you. Thank her for writing please. Fatherly I know will not fully realize what it all means and it can be but a short time before he will be with his precious daughter - and then there will be no more sorrows or unsatisfied heart longings for them. It is for us to bravely go on with what the Lord would have us do for Him - assured that in some way His grace will sustain us in all the changed circumstances and will enable us to meet the responsibilities He places upon us. How I long to be with you and with the dear ones in, home in Madison before it is all broken up - but it cannot be now - for I cannot run away from the great responsibilities upon me here just now and so I must give myself to meeting the problems that confront us here for upon me my colleague has placed burdens which I cannot refuse to bear.

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Dr. Larson's letter relieved my mind very much for I so liked
he would be at home and that the sad message might come to
you from loving friends. Please thank Grandma Carr for her loving
comforting message also. I was not able to write to many and I
do not know how I shall be able to show my appreciation of the
many many helpful letters which have come from all over the world.

Your letter with Mr. Martinelli's notes came in this mail
and as you will already know I have anticipated some of his
suggestions. I sent the Certificate of death and also a copy
only of the Will I found here - but I am surprised to find
that you know of no Will there - for I was so sure that
Alice had left one with you to be placed by you with your
own and Father's. You will remember that we all three
talked it over together in the Library and I thought Alice
wrote a Will shortly before we left and gave it to you.
I was so sure of it that I never mentioned her about
it again and I was surprised when I found it in her hand
bag here the Will which I sent you a copy - for I supposed
she would have destroyed the Will of earlier date.
I am sure if after another search in your safe and through
the papers in the Safe Deposit Box you do not find a Will
this one which I will send with this letter - will have to
be probated.
Yet as I wrote you before I know just what was Alice's
thought and wish and purpose and I want to follow that.

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Her thought and mine was that you should have the use of the income of her property just as fully as you had any need for it. She had in mind using such part of the income if any, which you would say was beyond the sum you could use - for the children - especially for their education - helping to keep up our little school here as that they might be sure of having it continue as long as they needed it.

And so mother even though the property legally becomes mine and is held in my name by the terms of the will I want you to do with it just exactly as you would have done had God spared Alice to us until after she should take you to be with Him. I shall want you to keep the bonds there - to have the control of the real-estate - to collect the income as before and to continue this until such a time as for any reason you yourself desire any different arrangement. I want to meet your wishes in this respect for Alice and I were absolutely at one in wanting everything to be done for your and Father's comfort and convenience, we to draw only upon any absolute surplus, sums which we would use for the children and for the Lord's work here. My own income should be cut off so that I had not enough to meet the children's needs - of course I would let you know and we would arrange matter for your and their welfare. I think this arrangement will be more satisfactory to you than for

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me to manage the property and turn over to you the income. I however this at any time becomes a burden and you prefer that I should relieve you we can so arrange it. You there remains one thing to be made clear and that is

as to Administration of the Estate. If you find a will there which makes you Administrator all will be clear - but if this will which I enclose is the only will and I am thereby Administrator I shall want Mr. Martinelli to answer for me these questions.

Is it necessary that I appear in person? and if so when and for how long?

Even tho named in the will as Administrator is it possible for me to request that you make Administrator and thus allow you to do all that is necessary in making the transfers? Thinking that this is probably legally a possible action and so in line with the request in your letter I enclose such a request to be used if possible - to be destroyed if of no use. This will save time in case he can give an affirmative answer to the question.

In case you cannot become Administrator is it possible for me to give you Power of attorney for me the Administrator so that in my name you can then do all that I would have to do as Administrator? If so please have Mr. Martinelli send me full form of such Power of attorney for me to sign and return - certified & signed by the American Consul General.

In case you can become Administrator should I also give to some one - (Dr. Landon for instance) Power of attorney to sign any

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documents to which my signature is necessary in settling the estate?

Of course if there is no other feasible way, I shall have to do up all things here however important and go home in order to settle the estate, but as there are many important matters here which I should not leave unless necessary to do - I shall be glad if there is some other way, satisfactory to you which will meet the situation.

Other matters I shall have to write about another day. Jamie and Charles send kisses and hugs and lots of love to Grandpa and Grandma.

My own earnest wish and constant prayer is that you may be comforted and sustained and that God may be specially gracious to you in your sense of loneliness and loss.

Lovingly Your Son

Samuel Moffett.

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On the Homeboat

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Aug. 18 1912

Dear Mother:

Each mail brings me more letters of loving sympathy and expression of the deep affection held by so many of our precious ones with and beauty of character. As the days go by I find it more and more difficult to find an answer to the question of my heart - why? why did God see best to take her from the home and the work where she so beautifully and perfectly filled her place? I can only ask for faith and trust and the power to rest upon His promises - knowing His love and wisdom even though it is not given me to understand the reasons which lie back of His dealings with us.

I know you too are going through the same experiences and I trust and pray that we may all of us be sustained and blessed and that we may have His grace which will enable us to learn the lessons and gain the development in character which He would have us that we may become such as He may the better use for His own purposes.

I have just been reading again the letters and telegrams which came to me just after Alice was taken and a few which came to her after word had gone forth of the loss of our little daughter. I know you will want to see them and so I am sending them on. I shall want them again for some day I shall want to read some of them to the boys as I tell them of Mother's

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great life of love and service.
 Later on I shall send you those which have been coming from
 America and elsewhere. They are a comfort for it is a
 joy to learn anew how greatly others love and admired the
 one whom we knew best and knew to be worthy of all the
 love and admiration which it was possible to give her.
 Our life together for these thirteen and more years was so
 full of blessing and was so rich a life that I am deeply
 deeply grateful for the gift granted me and every thought
 there is an inspiration to better service.
 The boys have been having such a good time on the house-
 boat. The big sand bar has been with its quantity of clean sand
 has furnished them a fascinating play ground and the time
 is not being heavy on their hands. Yesterday Charles did so
 enjoy getting some green branches and plants - making a house
 on the sand - spending his rug and pillow there and then
 calling on me to have luncheon with him. Taking a lot of
 apples we had a fine luncheon with the boatmen and the
 servants and then we turned Charles' house into a church
 and had our Sabbath service in Korean with the men.
 They have had boats to sail, little fish and muscles and crabs
 to catch, tunnels to build in the sand, forts to make and
 battles to fight with toul tied to sticks for banners - and
 all in all have had full play for their imagination.
 Such appetites as they have and how they do sleep!

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I have greatly enjoyed reading to them and from time to time
 am giving them a variety with parts from "Black Beauty" -
 "Alice in Wonderland", "The Bunyip Book", "The Story of Jesus" and
 "Child Stories from the Masters". These with stories from the "Presbyterian"
 and our regular morning reading or recitation of scripture give them
 much to think about and I am interested indeed to note how
 Jamie is enjoying them and thinking on the great thoughts.
 Charles is taking to his A.B.C. and I shall use the Bunyip

Alphabet you sent. I do not know whether or not I acknowledged the receipt of the
 your parcel last week you sent. The envelopes and books, the
 "music book" and just a few days ago the "after dinner
 mint" boxes. How the boys have enjoyed the mints
 all came.

asked the boys what message they have for Grandma - Jamie says
 "Tell her we are coming to see her next summer!" and
 Charles laughs out loud and says "Tell her to send me some more
 candy" and then Jamie shouts out "Thank her for the candy she
 sent."

Mr. Xi's 14 year old boy is with us and is a fine boy - who does
 much for the boys and is a great help in their games and play.
 He is the one Korean boy Alice always said she was glad to have with
 the boys because he is so well behaved - so gentle and kind and
 a real help.
 We plan to go home today. A heart full of glory to Fatherly and to
 you from us all
 Lovingly Your Son
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Seoul
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Sept. 18 1912

Mother Dear:
 You may well know that I am very busy
 with Sunday meeting duties for we have many most
 problems in situations to meet. The children are enjoying
 greatly having so many new children to play with - children
 fathers and mothers and we take to the hospital - children
 they are very well and well cared for. Charles' section has
 been very successful and there is no indication of future
 trouble. They have really enjoyed the runs of candy and crackers
 the letters in the watches which all arrived safely and
 them the greatest pleasure. I am of course glad to get
 through the experience of losing his watch, found again
 glad to say) and will trust we have Paul's
 shall be to write again soon thanking her for
 her letters and the tips of the boys - but I am sure of it
 to know what to do about answering the many many letters so
 helpful and so please him. Her Loued in on me. I so
 you see how I can answer them and try not to do so
 may seem unappreciation. I can't do it, but one day I do want
 I wish I could now take time to write to you very out
 in this extra busy time. I can't do it, but one day I do want
 to write in answer to your questions. I can't do it, but one day I do want
 see that our Lord we know all about us as it is in
 touch with us although we may not be conscious of it,
 consoling us and our affairs. I am, for I think, the

Dear ones who are one before Jesus who ministered servants
using his will in looking after his own children in earth,
I do not think the spirit world is far removed from us and
that from the earth and its interests at the visibly removed
and above all its sin and misery and suffering.
That a blessed memory we have of which and how the heart
thinks with the thoughts of them even though the eyes be in the
+ now and the will is closed. I will send you some copies
of the "sea" mission field with his own beautiful tribute to his
dear children in the missions destinations.
He has been having our daily morning services led by Mr. A. J.
London of "Sweet Hills" Lane and he has been so helpful
and has been a great comfort to me. His remains are brought
before me so clearly he stands like a giant of this plane and has
told her live in my own heart and thought and brought me
to see her own idea of the plan.
Father's letter came to me a few days ago - that is, last of it did -
I evidently he failed to enclose part of it - but doubtless know
nothing of it. I shall write him soon.
You let me hear of Uncle James' expected visit is the last
revised. Never did I in your hope of the dear brother coming
of a right life and acceptance of the savior Jesus Christ.
Childhood. Concerning financial assistance for him I would
like to advise with you as to the best way to be made
known and if the Lord will that I shall be with you
any - summer we can talk that over - use your judgment.
Next you to be working on him, not until he here.
You in your own hands to dispose of money in any
way seems may be an issue instead of a help.
I should be taken care he is I think to be an avian,

that I am the income which I am living
will still, and to name Charles and James
Certain it is not wise to give it to him outright to
run through, with me a short time and then, be so kind
Small sums from time to time will do him much more good
If you will write me what occurs to you as a reasonable way, of allowing
me to be glad to advise.
I was knowing & obtained the enclosed document from the Council Chamber
and am sending it to you so as to make sure that it is
be possible for you to become administering of his estate.
I can be appointed in my stead and can make over the property
to me according to the will and then continue to manage it for
as before when he was - his name.
If for any reason - sickness or otherwise - I cannot become
administering - all you need is to return this to me or to
present it to the Court and then I shall remain the executor
and would have to go on to administer the estate and
however it should be a very simple matter to settle the estate and
you can do it very simply & quickly I am sure with the lawyer Council.
If for any reason you prefer to put the bonds in the hands of my
brother Howard do so and he will send the income to you for
you to use as you see fit. I have already written him to that
effect telling him that in case of sickness or business interest
you might prefer not to look after all the liability, but that
even though the liability is in my name, I would not mind you
to have the use of it just as before. The Council and I was
long for our needs now.
I would suggest that you should
your making your own will, & would suggest that you should
either Dr. Landon or myself executor for either will not
be equal to it.

The song I have to write so much on business matters, how
when my heart is full of other things, more sacred - which I
want to write - but it is not right to neglect these business
affairs.

My heart will still be full of other things, more sacred - which I
want to write - but it is not right to neglect these business
affairs.
I have written my own song, son.
I have written my own song, son.
I have written my own song, son.

I feel my heart is full of other things, more sacred - which I
want to write - but it is not right to neglect these business
affairs.

(Copy)

San Rafael, Sept. 6th 1909

I, Alice Fish Moffett, hereby declare this to be my last will and testament. I give and bequeath all of the property of whatever kind and wherever situated, of which I die possessed to my husband, Rev. Samuel A. Moffett D.D. of P'yeng Yang, Korea. I appoint my husband executor of this will, without bonds. I give him power to sell all or any of my estate without an order of court; and I revoke all the wills by me heretofore made. I declare that this will is entirely written, dated and signed by my hand.

[signed] Alice F. Moffett

The above is a copy of a paper found by me in the hand bag of Alice F. Moffett July 19 1912 - P'yeng Yang Korea.
Samuel A. Moffett.

Pyeong Yang, Korea.

Oct. 14, 1912.

Dear Mother:

What a satisfaction it is to receive your letters and
know eagerly the boys receive the news that another letter has come
from Grandma. You are a great factor in their lives more than ever
now, and I make it a point to talk to them much of you. They are
both coming in the week-end visit home to you and Grandpa.
I am very busy indeed but I am nevertheless taking a good deal of time
every day for them. Each morning before school, Jamie goes over his reading lesson
and I hunt him up during his play. Then at noon we always have a little
time together and before supper I get out for a little romp or play with
them in the yard. Every evening we have a good time together and Jamie
and I are making good progress in the reading of several books together
taking a little each every night. Pilgrim's Progress, Black Beauty, and
I review a book Mother read to him now occupy us, while the
other reads to Charles.
Thank you for your suggestions Mother dear about cuddling the boys and
taking them on my lap etc. I was already doing that purposefully - but will
give all the more heed to it. I always put them to bed heartily
before and have a little "cuddling" time with them. Charles likes to come
to me for a little quiet time in my arms before going to bed and I sing to
him then. In morning usually find both of them crawling up into
my bed for a little but always for a little long time with "father".
Mrs. Aldcroft is doing much for them and they are growing and developing
rapidly. Your little boob, Charles is no longer a baby but a pretty good
sized boy climbing the wood pile, up on the wall and into the trees
riding a tricycle and on the donkey, wrestling with Jamie and tumbling
all over him and having a regular boys' good time generally.

It is a loving little fellow and a very happy one - singing a great deal
deal laughing and playing and seldom in a cloudy humor for a
little time. I am so delighted over the good effect of the last
operation on his neck. It has been well ever since and as
rose and strong as one could wish. There is no indication of
any further trouble and I am very happy over that.

Your suggestions along the line of Jamie's table manners are
certainly to the point - for for some reason or other Alice and I had
more trouble with Jamie along that line than on any other portion.
The boy has a wonderful appetite and is almost always well and
is growing so that he is ravenously hungry. Mrs. Woodcock and
I are watching him and guiding him but he has a hard time to
hold himself to proper manners in eating. I am now giving him
a penny each meal he remembers to attend to his napkin without
a reminder and two pennies for every meal in which he takes his
bread in only one hand and takes but one bite at a time
and one penny for every meal in which he is not noisy and with
these inducements to thoughtfulness there is gradually coming some
improvement. Charles gets two pennies for every meal he does not have
one reminded to use his right hand instead of his left and one
for not being noisy.

They are both fine boys - bubbling over with good spirits and as active
as boys ought to be. Jamie's school and his playmates are a great blessing and I am
so thankful for them.
Sundays we always have our songs and I read to them from
Foster's etc. of the Bible and also stories from "The Presbyterian".
Yesterday while I was at Korea Church they had a good time painting the
pictures in their S.S. Cards. They have good paint boxes.
So far as I can see it now - the way will probably be clear for me

to leave here early in May, returning so as to reach here the first³
of September. That will give me two full months in America
if in there seems best for me to plan for Miss Chase or some
such one to come back to care for the children and we can
make the arrangements - all will be good but I want to talk that
all over with you and Susan before I make any decision along
that line or speak definitely to any one about taking up that work.
Your letters suggest much of which I want to write you
& I will try not to omit answering your questions on business matters.
You are so glad Miss Chase was with you. It is a great satisfaction to
know that she or Cousin Emma or Mrs. Whiggen or any one who is so
helpful and companionable to you is with you. Keep any such one
with you just as long as you can and as often as you can.
I find in one of Charles' picture books which Alice had with her the
first says she was lying down - a pencilled letter to Cousin Emma
dated June 29th and I am sending it on to Cousin Emma today.
I have not yet heard from Mr. Martineau but he will doubtless
write just as soon as there is any need to do so. I see no
reason why as administrator you should have any difficulty at
all and why all that you have to do may not be done in
a very short time, altho the law may possibly require the lapse
of a year before the Court decides all matters settled.
Concerning the \$2000 from the mortgage of which you ask - what
shall we do with it? - I should say - just whatever you wish,
placing it just where it will be the least trouble to you and the greatest
benefit. I would suggest sending it to Howard for investment, the
bonds to be kept there by him or sent to you as the other, but
in either case the income to go to you. I do not know whether
Alice wrote you what she had in mind or not but she had said
she would write you to send it to Howard he to send the income to her

to be used in the work here or for the boys particularly in connection
with the school for our children, in case you had all you needed
without it. I have thought in the needs of the children
now and until they are ready for college - and probably will have
enough then also - so I prefer that you should receive the
income unless in your desire that it should be used in the
Lord's work here in some way. In that case of course there are

abundant ways in which I can use it.
As to whether you loan the bonds with Howard or have them in your
care in New York I should want you to do just whichever will
be the least care and the most satisfactory to you.
In order that they and others of Alice's bonds shall not seem to be
settled again in connection with your estate all you need now to do
with them is to mark the envelopes in which they are placed - as

my property - you continuing to cut the coupons as before.
My brother Howard so keeps all my bonds in safe deposit - marking the
envelopes "Property of S. A. Moffatt" but he handles them for me - collects
when due and re-invests.

You ask about two pine trees on the property just west of you.
Do just as you think best about them - cut them down - or trim
them or whatever you wish and so with any thing else in connection
with the house and place. They are all your mother's deer to do
with as you please so long as you want to have the care of them.
You can judge best as to whether the place is better and more
beautiful with or without them.

I am following your letter and commenting as I go.
Yes indeed I realize that your Si however faithful and honest
trustworthy cannot do all for the children that we want done and
I am not counting on her for that - but she is a great help in looking
after their clothes and in watching them at play and in doing for them anything
which we direct her in. While she will continue some of her work as

Billie woman. I shall use her also for the care of the children 5
along many lines. I shall not hesitate to get any help of
any kind I can - for the benefit of the boys.
If I can not manage well between now & next May, I count
them on being able to plan well in conference with you & Alice,
and the expense involved in carrying out any good plan will not
stand in the way - so long as I have anything with which to meet
it.

I need your letters - Mother - and the children need them too -
so do not think that anything you may write will in anywise
be a burden. - Jamie has just come in from school and
in answer to my question says "tell grandma I am having a
nice time in school." There are now 5 boys in school for
with the removal of Mr Smith from Fusan to Pyer yay - his little
8 1/2 year old boy enters school. Jamie is doing well in reading
arithmetic and spelling but needs to do better in writing. The
Enclosed Card with his writing on it - which he wants me to send
to you will show his writing. I wish he would follow his
mother instead of his father in humanship. As he stands by
my side he tells me to tell you he is keeping chickens. So he is
and he enjoys it.

Yes - we all miss the loved one for more than we can tell
but the memories are so very rich and the experience of such a
love is a constant blessing. With Alice my life was such a full
one and the years together meant such a rich experience!
Why it was best for her to leave as I do not understand at all, but
I do not want any complaint to enter into my heart, for the gift was
such a precious one that gratitude ought to be expressed even tho
the sense of loss is so keen. You will be glad to have learned
from my former letters that Alice's plan for Charles' kindergarten is being

Carried out by Mrs Bemheral, so any little work you send will be
fit in all right.

Am so glad Uncle Frank was able to come for the Memorial meeting
and I was glad to get the San Rafael paper with the account of the
meeting. I should like to have heard Dr. Landon.

Your last letter asks about making provision for Uncle Frank in
your will. I had written you before on this subject, fully agreeing
with you in your thought of caring for him but suggesting that
rather than leave him a sum which he may run through with
in short time provision for payment of income might be more
helpful to him. However I should want you to do just what
you think will be most satisfactory, and in this I think you would

do well to talk with Dr. Landon also.
Should you be taken before Uncle Frank is I shall certainly want
to do for him all that Alice would have done, and such
would be no burden at all. Perhaps best of all and most
satisfactory to you and to him would be to leave him \$1000.⁰⁰
as you suggest and then if after that is gone he still needs
help, I can do for him just what you would do. This would
only be in line with the disposition of my own dear Father who
was as Father Fish all his lifetime helping those who were
less able to care for themselves.

The Record of Christian will continue to come and I shall try to follow
some of the readings. I get a good deal from it but have not been following
these readings regularly.

I want another dozen of the the photographs you sent me of Alice.
They are such good ones and so many here who long her have seen so
glad to get them. In addition to above eleven Can you not also have sent direct from the
photographer one each to the following

Rev. Graham Lee, Saratoga, Calif.
 Mr. Robert B. Moffett - Madison Indiana
 Mr. Howard A. Moffett " "
 Mrs. D. W. Moffat " "
 Mr. W. M. Moffett, 301 Armstrong Ave. Peoria, Ill.
 Mrs. E. Wade Koone Brooklyn Iowa.
 Mrs. J. Hunter Wells of Mr. Fred Strong, Concord Building
 Portland Oregon.

I lean the rest of the page blank - so you can write
directions to Photogal or it and send just as it is without
the trouble of copying.

I am sure this Commission will not be a trouble, and the
Photogals are such good ones I want many to hear them.
Jamie just came rushing in to say "Oh come father, the same
red headed woodpecker is out on the tree", so off I went to
see the bird and rejoice with him over its beauty and the fact
that it stays around our yard. He is fond of bird and watches for
them so. - He was delighted yesterday to discover this woodpecker and
was so to find it again today. Then it was dinner time and
at dinner I told him I had written you about his making penins
by trying to improve at table and then he said "I wonder what
Grandma will write about it in her letter?" So when you write
give me a message for him please.

I wish I could do something to relieve you of the pain - so much
which you seem called upon to endure. I know you are doing
all that you can and I hope you continue to get the best
care and treatment possible.

Yes - I have made a new will - did so before I went to Japan
this summer - and all I have is to go to the children with their
Uncle Howard to care for it for them until they become of age - if I
should be taken before that time.

Note also what you write about the George Haskell Property and
the Life Insurance Policy of Mr Beckley of Los Angeles. Please let me know
the date when the premium on the latter is due each year and how much
I think it would be well for you to pay that premium always some
2 months before it is due, so that there may be no danger of its lapsing from
non-payment of premium, in case you should not be able to attend to
it just at the time due. [I note that later in your letter you state date & amount]
Also please let me know just what is your idea with about the

Geo. Haskell Society. Should it fall to me to settle that I
should want to do just what you will wish to have done.
Concerning Aunt Lucia - Alice and I had spoke of that and
it was our idea that if she survives you and Father we should
continue to do for her just as Father would have done - so long as
she lives. Do just as you think best - leaving her any sum you
may wish to - if you think you should not leave it to Cousin Lucia
& friends &c.

You will recollect the \$10.00 sent some time ago and it was spent
in purchase of tracts which were sent out through an old woman of the
City Church who goes out in the country preaching a great deal, and through
one of our Colporteurs who works among the unbelievers. In this way
several thousand tracts were distributed.
The last \$50.00 sent through Dr. Whiting - not needed for the Bible Woman,
I can use in the same way or use it as part exhibit for a Bible
woman on my County Circuit, or I can apply it to the school expenses
of Mrs. Si's children for this year - which for the last few years will meet
by Alice with funds received from Miss Strong. Let me know which applies
to you as the best use for it.

I think I have written you about all that I can as to our talks to-
gether during the last few days, except the one statement which Alice
made to the doctor one day - saying that the only thing she could think
of as possibly bringing on the attack - was some lettuce which she
ate and which possibly may not have been properly washed.
I am sure I do not know what it could have been - possibly the
lettuce and yet she & the servants were always so careful in this respect.
My heart goes out to dear Fatherly as he grows more and more feeble.
He gave me his greatest treasure and how I wish I might do
something for him. Did it seem right for me to do so I should lay down
my work here and stay with you a few years if need be, and yet it
seems as though the Lord had blessed me in such a relation to the world

that I ought not to lay it down.
Give him a great heart full love from his son and from
his grandsons. I hope to have them with him for a visit before another
year is over.

I am enclosing a number photos received from those to whom I sent
the photographs. I sent them out last week and I think you will
be glad to see these notes. They will tell you much more in some
ways, than I can write for.

My letter is a pretty well broken up. written in the midst of many
interruptions and here comes another interruption in the shape
of Charles who comes in to show to father a big wild goose which
Mr. Blair shot while in country and has just sent over to us.
Oh - there is much more I should like to write but just now
other duties press and I will send this off.

I have not acknowledged receipt of papers, clippings - picture cards &c.
but all were received and enjoyed by me and the boys.
Jamie & Charles and Sam all join in much love to you
and Fatherly.

Pyeongyang, Korea,

Oct 28 1912

Dear Mother:

I hardly know where I left off in my last letter, for the days are so full that the incidents of one day are almost crowded out of one's mind and memory by the events of the next day. Before I know it another week passes and duties crowd and press at every hand.

This last week I was gone for 4 days - taking Jamie with me up to Seoul - he for attention to the same tooth which Dr. Hahn the dentist has now treated 4 times and I for a meeting of the Educational Senate which has the planning for and the cor-relation of the educational work of all the missions in Korea.

The treatment of the tooth - one of Jamie's first molars which we are trying to save for a year so that it will not come out too soon - involved no pain at all and the doctor says he thinks it will last all night.

I got back with Jamie on Thursday - bringing with us several hundred Hershey's which Charles and Jamie both greatly enjoy. I found that Charles ^{only} had a cold but the day after return had a pretty high fever with pretty severe pains in ~~stomach~~ ^{limbs} at times. Dr. & Mrs. Seymour had a mission in China were with us just then for a few days - so when I look after Charles with the result that we soon diagnosed the situation and a dose of Santonine soon relieved Charles. All the children here suffer now and then from worms and they cause them a good deal of distress when the trouble comes on. However they are soon relieved and Charles has been happy & well and cheerful as ever the last two days. Your little book "Little Me Too" has delighted him today. I even saw

a boy so uniformly cheerful and happy and enthusiastic over everything.
He certainly is a little "Sunbeam".
I wish you might have seen us all last night and heard us lustily
singing the Sabbath hymns. Charles wanted to march so - singing "Ourselves
Christian Soldiers". Jamie & Charles leading Mr. Holdrege & followed round
and round the dining room and front room tables - Mrs. Holdrege at
the organ.

Today's mail brought your letter enclosing those from Mrs. Pinney and
the copy of the "Farm" with Miss Strong's letter about Alice.
I read your letter to Jamie & Charles and both are happy over the books
from Grandma.

I wish I could do something to help you in your much suffering.
I hope the Mill Valley Sanitarium may prove helpful to you.
Thank you very much for the Christmas present - enjoyed heartily - and more
to be enjoyed when it comes. You & Alice were alike in always doing
something for others and always enjoying the manifestations of your love for your
dear ones. Every thought of her is a blessing even though the sense of
loss is the keener because of her great worth and beauty of character.

Yesterday afternoon at Church service Alice's hymn "Oh Blessed Life"
was sung and last night as Jamie set on my life as I read to
him from Foster's "Story of the Bible" he said to me "Father you
know whenever they sing that which Mr. Holdrege and the other sang at Mother's
funeral, it makes the tears come to my eyes" At the funeral four of the
men sang that hymn and last night was the first time Jamie has made
any reference to it - but to show the impression made and also the
thoughts that are in his mind. He has a good memory and is a very
thoughtful boy although he thinks other things a long time after before
saying anything about his thoughts.

I want so much to get the boys home to you for a little while and
my plans are shaping up so that I can go in May I think. I am
eager to get home before Father is taken and I am sure the presence of
these two happy, splendid boys will be a great comfort to you both.

I have been interrupted time and again since beginning this but that is my usual experience.

I had a good helpful letter from Miss Chase the other day and I hope to answer it soon, but I find it impossible to answer all the letters I receive and many of them simply go without notice much as I regret it. I need a stenographer and I have in thought the idea of some day getting a young college graduate to come out for a three year term to be stenographer for me and tutor for the boys helping them in their studies and reading supplementing what they do in school and with me. That is another of the things I want to talk over with you when I reach home.

I find I must close this letter now - altho I have not written half the things I want to.

A heartfull love from all three of your boys.

I enclose some more notes received from those to whom I sent photographs. I feel sure you will be glad to see them.

With loving greetings to Father & Mother
Your affectionate Son
Samuel A. Moffett.